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Hon. William Colby Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Colby:

The Joint Economic Committee periodically releases compendia on the economies of the Peoples Republic of China, the East European countries and the Soviet Union. As the Soviet Union will be initiating a new Five Year Plan in 1976 it is timely for us to take a look at their economic policy and performance.

In the past, your staff in the Office of Economic Research has provided invaluable aid for our assessments of the Soviet economy. We would like to continue to include the range of contributions your staff has made to past volumes and add whatever new areas current and __future Soviet economic prospects dictate.

وتيتنج We have asked Dr. John P. Hardt of Congressional Research Service to organize and edit this volume. I would appreciate it if you could have your staff discuss with him the inputs we might expect from your agency.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. We will need their contributions by May 1976, except possibly where it concerns information from the Communist Party Congress. My staff advise that such analyses may not be available until June.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

H. Humphrey Chairman

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